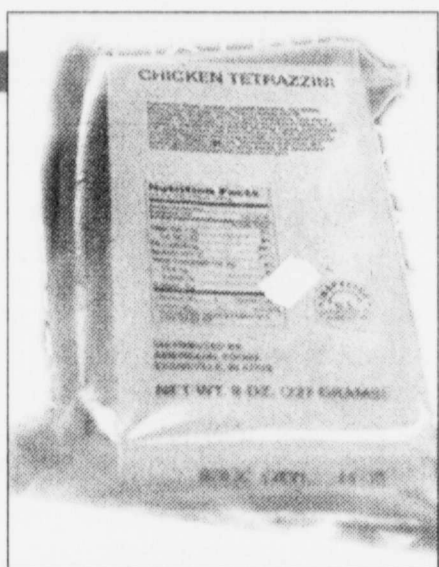


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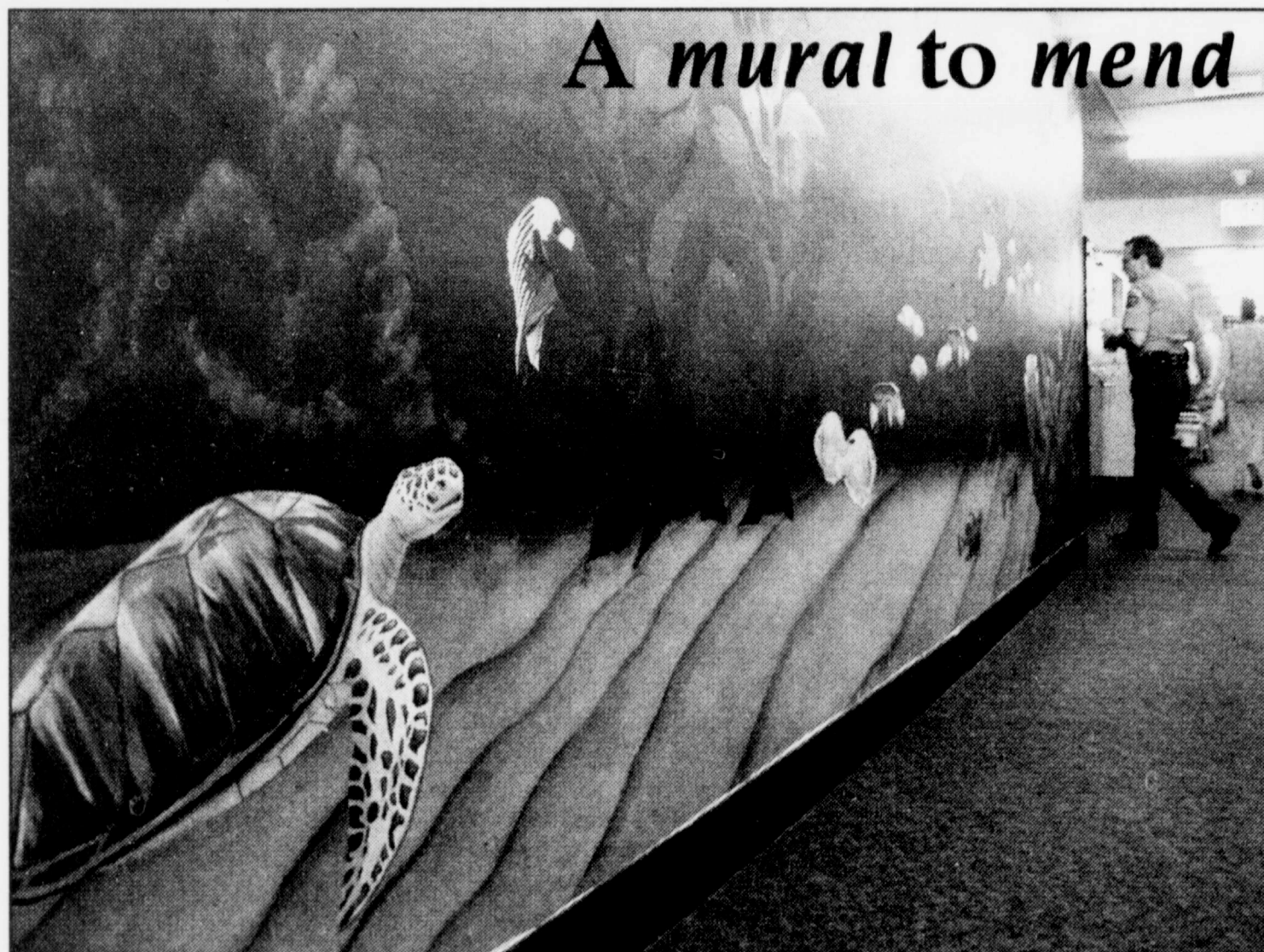
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## A mural to mend

spirits

By Kat Corey

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

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Deep blues and bright oranges mask a once plain white wall in a local hospital as a nurse uses her artistic side to bring joy to a somewhat dreary place.

In the midst of a hectic, and sometimes tragic, hospital environment the new mural is an unusual addition to the Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center.

Franny Harvey, a registered nurse, is painting an 8-foot high by 28-foot long underwater-themed mural in the hospital's medical-surgery unit. She began the project Sept. 1 and hopes to complete it soon.

"There has been an overwhelming positive response," Harvey said. "I didn't realize how much attention it would get."

The hospital is currently constructing a cardiac facility and as a result a temporary wall was erected adjacent to the unit. Harvey said she saw this as an opportunity to put her art degree to use. She recently took

a break from her nursing career, after practicing for 12 years, to earn an art degree at the Pasadena Art Center College of Design.

Nurse by day and artist by night, Harvey does it all. She works her regular nursing shifts then comes in at night, puts on her headphones and escapes the everyday routines of the hospital.

"The mural is an expression of what happens in the hospital on a daily basis," Harvey said. "It is very appropriate to have art in an emotional environment. Life happens here, why wouldn't art belong here?"

The construction can be noisy and distracting at times, but the blue wall seems to calm everyone down, said Brad Benko, a registered nurse.

"Rather than looking at a stark white wall with noise coming from it, you look at a beautiful seascape," he said. "It did its purpose and then some."

It was the nursing staff who decided she should paint an underwater scene for the blank wall. Since deep

A new seascape mural in the medical-surgery unit in the Sierra Vista Medical Center is aimed at having a calming effect on the patients in the unit. Painted by Franny Harvey, a registered nurse at the hospital, the piece is 28 feet long, 8 feet tall. Harvey started painting the mural Sept. 1 and expects to complete it soon.

AARON LAMBERT/MUSTANG DAILY

see MURAL, page 8

## House leaders debate aviation bill

By Stephen Curran

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

A Senate bill designed to make the nation's airports safer is running into unexpected turbulence in the House of Representatives.

The Aviation Security Act, Senate Bill 1447, is expected to go to the House on Wednesday. The bill was introduced Sept. 24 as an immediate response to the Sept. 11 attacks and received bipartisan support in the Senate.

"(Sept. 11) showed that there were some gaps in our security," said Rep. Lorretta Sanchez (D-Garden Grove). "There's still a long way to go."

Since Sept. 11, employee training and screening has become a key issue. The bill would federalize airport security operations, creating civil service positions for security personnel in airports throughout the country. It would reduce the high turnover of low-level security employees, Sanchez said.

"Most airlines contract work out to minimum wage employees," she said. "Many don't even speak English."

House Republicans support most of the bill, but many think that airport security should stay in private hands. Private companies need to work in concert with federal

employees, said a spokesman for Rep. Dick Armey (R-Texas).

According to Armey, leaving airport security in the hands of private firms would allow for greater employee screening. House Republicans propose a multi-faceted system comprised of both private and federal employees.

In the Republican plan, security operations would be multi-tiered, involving both private and civil service personnel. Each level would then be responsible for a different aspect of passenger screening, allowing for greater specialization within each tier.

"I don't know a Democrat who is an expert in public safety," said Greg Crist, Armey's press secretary. "A one-size-fits-all approach is not appropriate."

Prior to Sept. 11, knives and box-cutters were not illegal aboard passenger planes. Both parties agree that sweeping changes are needed throughout the system.

"The screeners didn't fail Sept. 11, the standards did," Crist said.

One of the proposed changes in the bill that received bipartisan

support is increased passenger screening. The process would entail several aspects, but would not include a racial component, Sanchez said.

"This bill isn't about racial profiling, it's about people doing a good job," she said.

Sanchez, however, declined to comment on specific attributes employees would be trained to look for. She said passengers who appeared generally nervous or under scrutiny and those who purchased their tickets late would be singled out.

"This isn't about one level of employees," Crist said. "It's about many employees serving different functions."

President George W. Bush has proposed putting government employees in charge of baggage handling, but keeping security tasks in the hands of private companies.

Bush indicated that he would not veto the measure even if it does include federalizing airport security, said House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt in a Washington Post report.

"(Sept. 11) showed that there were some gaps in our security. There's still a long way to go."

**Lorretta Sanchez**  
U.S. House Representative

## Rumsfeld defends airstrikes in face of restive response

By Esther Schrader

LOS ANGELES TIMES



WASHINGTON — Seeking to rebut the growing perception in the Islamic world that U.S. bombs are targeting Afghan civilians, U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld on Monday offered his most aggressive defense yet

of what he called the painstaking care the Pentagon is taking to avoid nonmilitary casualties.

"Let there be no doubt: Responsibility for every single casualty in this war, be they innocent Afghans or innocent Americans, rests at the feet of Taliban and al-Qaida," Rumsfeld said.

"Their leaderships are the ones that are hiding in mosques and using Afghan civilians as 'human shields' by placing their armor and artillery in close proximity to civilians, schools, hospitals and the like," he said. "When the Taliban issue accusations of civilian casualties, they indict themselves."

Rumsfeld's emotional words at a Pentagon briefing were a clear indication that images of stray U.S. bombs striking civilians are jeopardizing Washington, D.C.'s efforts to win support in some Islamic countries for its war on terrorism.

But U.S. efforts to fight the propaganda war have been severely limited, constrained by squabbling over the best way to project the right message.

"What have we done so far? Drop leaflets with food packets? That's a pretty darn poor effort on the part of a country like the United States; they are capable of a far more sophisticated effort than they've shown to date," said Jay Farrar, a former congressional liaison for the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the National Security Council. "We don't have a concentrated effort that points out our successes and points to what we are doing right."

Rumsfeld's comments came after two consecutive days in which errant bombs hit homes in the Afghan capital of Kabul, killing residents. Red

see RUMSFELD, page 8



## DAILY Weather

### TODAY'S SUN

Rise: 6:22 a.m. / Set: 5:10 p.m.

### TODAY'S MOON

Rise: 4:46 p.m. / Set: 4:46 a.m.

### TODAY'S TIDE

AT PORT SAN LUIS

Low: 2:14 a.m. / 1.12 feet

High: 8:29 a.m. / 5.35 feet

Low: 2:59 p.m. / 0.68 feet

High: 9:03 p.m. / 4.38 feet

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#### THURSDAY

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#### SATURDAY

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#### SUNDAY

High: 76° / Low: 48°

By Sarah McClellan  
DAILY SKIFF

(U-WIRE) FORT WORTH, Texas — Immigration and Naturalization Services will implement a database tracking the background of international students, while American students do not face such scrutiny because of protection under federal law.

Laws that protect students' privacy don't apply to international students, said Eileen Schmidt, an INS spokeswoman.

Schmidt said the Coordinated Interagency Partnership Regulating International Students (CIPRIS), a pilot program designed to collect information on international students without their consent, was developed as a pilot program in 20 higher education institutions.

U.S. citizens are protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, which states the "eligible student shall provide a signed and dated written consent before an educational agency or institution discloses personally identifiable information from the student's education records."

Previously, international students had assumed privacy rights under FERPA, Schmidt said. However, new immigration laws would create programs that would provide governmental agencies with background information without forcing the U.S. attorney general to obtain a subpoena.

The program will be implemented as the Student Exchange Visitor Program in December 2002, as a result of an anti-terrorism bill the Senate passed Thursday, Schmidt said.

Schmidt said INS will collect visa information from the Department of State, such as addresses, date of arrival, degree plans and credit hours, as well as information on people who don't show up for classes, change their major or drop out.

That information will be forwarded to the INS where it will be compiled into the SEVP database.

"We're not sure yet how this information will be used," Schmidt said. "We're working with Congress and educators to outline the protocols of what (information) we're looking for and what to do with it."

Manochehr Dorraj, a Texas Christian University associate professor of political science who specializes in international politics, said the program could be misused.

"The immigration office being

able to track every international student is acceptable," Dorraj said. "But an intrusive monitoring of their lives would be objectionable on the grounds of their civil liberties. I don't like the idea of treating every international student as a terrorist, if that's what it would entail."

Dimitar Petrovski, a freshman business major from Sofia, Bulgaria,

said the database will be a way to spy on international students.

"It's unfair to focus on student visas," Petrovski said. "We come (to the United States) to study, not terrorize."

CIPRIS was designed to provide INS with information on international students in response

to the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. One of the men involved in the bombing was in the country on a student visa, Schmidt said.

Last month, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., proposed a six-month moratorium on issuing new student visas as a result of the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center. The Pentagon also put pressure on INS to finish the CIPRIS database, said Jim Hock,

press secretary for Feinstein.

One of the Sept. 11 hijackers was in the country on a student visa, ABC News reported.

Hock said INS was "charged by Congress" in the Immigration Reform Act of 1996 to set up this database.

"(Feinstein dropped the proposal because) she's been assured by education and university officials that they'll make sure they provide the INS information to get the database, or tracking system, on foreign students up and working," Hock said.

John Singleton, director of international student services, said the database will be a good system if its purpose is to track an international student's travel and not their personal lives.

"I am afraid they will do more than simply monitor the travel of students with that system," he said. "It will be used to store information on international students regarding anything the government wishes to collect."

Petrovski also said the program will make it harder to attain a student visa, but won't affect the number of foreign students that come to the United States.

"Even if they spy on me, I don't mind," Petrovski said. "I don't have anything to hide, and it might make everyone feel safer."

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**John Singleton**  
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## National Briefs

## Civil rights artifacts sold in auction

DEARBORN, Mich. — The bus that Rosa Parks rode the day she refused to give up her seat to a white man was sold through an Internet auction to the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Mich. The museum purchased the 1948-model bus for \$492,000.

The president of the museum, Steve Hamp, described the vehicle as the "most important artifact in the history of the civil rights movement."

There is some debate as to whether the bus is in fact the one that Parks rode on Dec. 5, 1955, the day she refused to give up her seat, because there was no bus number mentioned in the police report of the arrest. But the museum has said that experts have determined that the bus is the one in which the protest occurred.

The Henry Ford Museum plans to put the bus on permanent display after it has been restored. Parks is now 88 years old and in poor health. Her protest sparked a year-long boycott of the bus system in Montgomery, Ala. and led to a U.S. Supreme Court decision that forced Montgomery to desegregate their bus system.

— BBC News

## FBI issues second terrorism warning

WASHINGTON — Monday, FBI officials issued another warning asking law enforcement and all Americans to be on highest alert possible for terrorist attacks this week. The warning is based on information that was cited as being credible, but it

was not specific to intended targets or methods.

Attorney General John Ashcroft requested that citizens report any suspicious activities, unusual circumstances or inappropriate behavior. President Bush has urged people to remain alert, but continue to "go about their lives."

— Associated Press

## Senate building to be gassed for anthrax

WASHINGTON — The Hart Senate office building, in which anthrax has been found, will be decontaminated over the course of 16 days. The Environmental Protection Agency has recommended that chlorine dioxide gas be pumped into the building through its ventilation system, and described the method as being the "most protective and least disruptive."

Fifty senators' offices are in the Hart building, including Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle's, D-South Dakota office where an anthrax-contaminated letter was opened Oct. 15.

All six of Congress' major office buildings and the House side of the Capitol have been shut down due to the deadly bacterium. Chlorine dioxide gas has only been used to kill anthrax in a laboratory setting, but experts are confident that the method will work because it has worked against bacteria that are considered harder to destroy.

— Associated Press

## 15th case of anthrax confirmed

WASHINGTON — The 15th person to have a confirmed case of

anthrax is a New Jersey woman whose name has not been released. She is the first victim to not have a connection to the mail service or the media. She does work at a business that is close to the Trenton-area Hamilton Township mail-processing center, which handled the anthrax-traced letters sent to Tom Daschle and Tom Brokaw. The processing center has been shutdown. She was successfully treated for the skin version of infection and was released from the hospital Sunday.

The New York Area Postal Union has filed a suit against the Postal Service, trying to force the closure of a processing and distribution center where four machines were found to have anthrax on them. The Postal Service has said that the machines have been sealed off and that the rest of the building is safe.

The anthrax found in the letter to Daschle has been reported as being stronger than that which was found in the letters to Brokaw and the New York Post. Maj. Gen. John Parker has told reporters that the letter also contained a substance that the others did not — silica. Silica is used as drying agent in food and drug production and helps control caking and clumping in powdered products.

— Associated Press

Briefs compiled from various news services by Mustang Daily contributor Anne Guilford.

## International Briefs

## Israel

PALESTINE — Israeli Defense

Minister Binyamin Ben Eliezer said his forces will pull out of four more West Bank towns if the Palestinians guarantee security there. Troops have already pulled out of Bethlehem and Beit Jala.

The Israeli withdrawal came despite two shooting attacks by Palestinian militants on Sunday that killed five people in northern Israel. Israel radio reported that the army was building up its forces around Jenin, the site of the latest anti-Israeli attacks.

The Israelis said the pull-out was a test case for withdrawals from four other towns they entered 10 days ago — Jenin, Qalqilya, Ramallah and Tulkarm. Further withdrawals could proceed whenever Palestinian forces will take responsibility for the security there, Ben Eliezer said.

Israel first moved forces into the six Palestinian-run towns and cities in the West Bank on Oct. 17 in response to the assassination of Israeli Tourism Minister Rehavam Zeevi.

About 40 Palestinians have died since then and about \$18 million in damages have been lost.

— BBC News

## Europe

THE NETHERLANDS — Ex-Yugoslav President Slobodan

Milosevic has engaged in a new verbal war at the war crimes tribunal in The Hague with the judge hearing his case.

Milosevic, refusing to enter a plea or obtain legal representation, has instead attacked The Hague, refusing to recognize the tribunal's legality, and continued shouting despite judge Richard May's attempts to overrule him. He was previously represented for the first time by a team of independent lawyers appointed on his behalf.

His previous lawyers have argued that the UN World Court should be asked to determine whether the international war crimes tribunal has the right to judge him.

Milosevic faces an amended indictment covering crimes against humanity in Kosovo and — for the first time — charges accusing him of war crimes in Croatia. Tribunal officials have also revealed that a third indictment, covering alleged genocide in Bosnia, will be formally announced next week.

— BBC News

Briefs composed from various international news services by Mustang Daily managing editor Tori Walsh.

**CORRECTION:** The Oct. 29 article, "War hits home for Poly student," should have read that Donald Hong was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and assigned as a Platoon Leader in San Diego with Alpha company 578 engineer battalion. He was selected as the aide to the assistant division commander of the 48th infantry division for the California Army National Guard.

He is currently assigned as the executive officer for Bravo 578 engineer battalion.

**UPDATE:** As Hong and his unit got ready to be deployed Friday, the battalion commander informed them that they had been asked to step down. They were no longer needed for the time being.

"I just remember looking out and all I could see were soldiers around the perimeter calling on their cell phones to tell their relatives that they didn't have to go," Hong said.

Hong explained that since his unit had already gone through the initial steps for deployment, they would probably be the first ones called into action if additional forces were needed.

**CORRECTION:** Yesterday's article about minorities by Stephen Curran identified Campus and Community Services as the publisher of the Black Community Handbook. The handbook was published by the Cal Poly Black Faculty and Staff Association.

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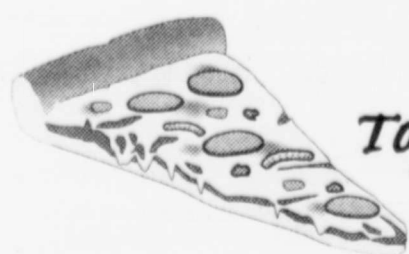
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By Whitney Kobrin

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Imagine being the person who trains emergency response groups to handle terrorist situations. For one local man, this and much more is the description of his job.

Anthony Lukin, a Ph.D. who specializes in terrorism education said, "Continuing to look for blame is a mistake. The terrorist enemies were dedicated, suicidal, intelligent, and trained in a way that prevented law enforcement from recognizing their intentions."

Lukin is a coordinator and instructor with the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) at the California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI). His job entails training many different groups in methods of mitigating, planning, preparing for, responding to, and aiding in the recovery from many different types of emergencies.

The purpose of the OES and the CSTI is to protect the public and respond when it is appropriate.

"We prepare for and prevent emergencies; when we can't prevent, we can respond in the appropriate manner," Lukin said.

In addition to terrorism, the OES responds to floods, earthquakes, and fires Lukin said. "In terms of natural disasters, we focus on response," Lukin said. "In terms of terrorism, we focus on prevention."

Lukin's wife, Rianne said that because she was brought up in a law enforcement and military family, she is able to understand where her husband is coming from and what he faces.

Among the groups that he and the CSTI train are law enforcement officers, firefighters, military personnel emergency management coordinators, doctors/physicians, hospital personnel, and Red Cross workers.

"Our job is to teach them all about terrorism from a historical, sociological, mili-

tary and psychological perspective, and all of the ramifications within a one-week course," Lukin said.

Training sessions include organizing and coordinating emergency personnel to form a coordi-

nated response within their individual units. Fake disasters are set up so that emergency responders have a chance to gain practical experience, Lukin said. Terrorism training teaches emergency responders and authorities to recognize potential targets and suspects. Effective training in these areas makes it easier to identify terrorists. He

"Our job is to teach (law enforcement, military and hospital personnel) all about terrorism from a historical, sociological, military and psychological perspective..."

Anthony Lukin

terrorism education specialist

"He is on the road a lot giving speeches on awareness," she said. "Through education, he really helps people to understand what happened. His job position heightens my awareness of recent events."

Lukin is also involved in training his own personnel, in addition to government personnel in proper mail handling techniques to deal with the Anthrax scares.

He has been teaching counter terrorism for more than 20 years and was called on by the Federal government to conduct research and training. For the last two years, Lukin has worked full time with the CSTI, prior to which, he consulted for over seven years.

In the 1960s and '70s, Lukin was a police officer and became involved with anti-terrorist operations. This is when he gained an interest in studying terrorism, he said. Lukin spent 30 years writing about and studying terrorism. For almost 20 years, Lukin taught terrorism, history, and counter terrorism for universities and other agencies. Lukin also taught a graduate school course about terrorism in the 20th century, a three-semester, 12-unit course at Portland State University.

In his field, the importance of a strong background in liberal arts, especially history, should not be underestimated, Lukin said. Military and law enforcement training, on the other hand, provides in the field experience that can't be replaced.

"The major message we want to hear is that knowledge helps combat panic and fear," Lukin said.

## Taking aim at TERRORISM



AARON LAMBERT/MUSTANG DAILY

Gas masks have become such a big seller since the Sept. 11 attacks that local retailers of the masks, such as the Camp and Pack store on South Higuera, sold out of their stock of 100 in less than one month.

said that one sign to be aware of is a person looking for equipment that they would normally not have a use for.

Rianne said that the tragedies on Sept. 11 have had a large impact on Lukin's schedule. He is in high demand.



AARON LAMBERT/MUSTANG DAILY

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# Graduates must execute job hunt without prejudice

(U-WIRE) LA JOLLA, Calif. — If you are a tech-oriented upperclassman in college who is thinking about a career, or if you are a recent graduate still hanging around school because you cannot find a job, then this article is written with you in mind.

Before I go any further, I would like to present some statistics. I may not be a math person, and you might be bored by this proposition, but statistics go far in assisting the prognosis and analysis of a problem. So let's check out some unemployment statistics.

According to The San Diego Union-Tribune, local unemployment was around 3.3 percent in June. By July, that had not changed. Even after the Sept. 11 attacks, unemployment in San Diego was around 3.4 percent.

At this point, that sounds pretty ridiculous. The national unemployment rate is higher: 4.9 percent. Studies even show that people will take

less pay just to live in San Diego.

In a recent Los Angeles Times article, writer Marc Ballon gave an example that may forecast rough times ahead.

A new Red Robin Gourmet Burgers restaurant owner in Portland, Ore., collected more than 1,700 job applications. The owner, James Bastidas, said that college graduates stood in long lines with laid-off factory workers for only 165 openings, each offering pay between \$6.50 and \$9.50 per hour. Bastidas said it "blew him away."

Terrorism — and the fear that is rampant as a result of the Sept. 11 attacks and the anthrax incidents — is further hurting what was already a deteriorating economy.

But that brings me to my main point: People cannot just keep complaining about not having a job and that finding one is so difficult. I am sick of hearing that.

There is no point in saving your dignity, my

friends and fellow students. The Red Robin case was one of many that Ballon pointed out. Other restaurants and retail shops are experiencing the same thing. If all those people can suck it up and take lower pay in the meantime, so can you. Think of it as a temporary job.

Cisco is laying off 8,000 employees. SUN Microsystems just slashed 4,000 people from its workforce. Agilent, Lucent and other tech companies are cutting jobs, too.

I know that many computer science and engineering students long for those jobs. And I know Alan Greenspan has said that the entire country will be hit hard.

How can I be so unmerciful and uncaring? I am not.

I have seen some of you loll through the last year of school with no planning. Sorry, brothas and sistas — sending out that resume once every two or three weeks does not cut it these days.

I have seen some of you falter at interviews and come back depressed.

Need a job? Dial those numbers, write those e-mails, make those nice resumes.

Can't communicate well? Maybe you need more education, or at the very least, more training in social skills.

Times are tough. Our glorious age of mass consumption has hit a huge roadblock, and it is going to take a while before we clear up the way so we can speed again.

I will not throw any cliches or old-fashioned reprimands at you. I just value hard work and an indomitable spirit.

Kudos to those of you who have a job right now because you refuse to let a faltering global economy faze you.

Wilson Chen, The Guardian (UCSD)

## Letters to the editor

### 'Recipe of the Week' should not favor meat dishes

Editor,

I've been really disappointed by the Mustang Daily's "Recipe of the Week" feature. I enjoy cooking and trying new recipes, but I cannot use the Daily's recipes because they are meat-based food. I am a vegetarian, and I try to avoid dairy and egg products as well. Many students here are vegetarian, vegan or do not eat meat for religious reasons.

Although this week's recipe was for a huge hamburger, I was glad to see that Meredith Rogers' article, "Food and Politics," was next to it. It's about time that Cal Poly students became aware of the correlation between diet and present/future health. It is also important to recognize the corruption within private businesses, government agencies and dietary standards.

I would like to encourage students to try to incorporate more fruits and vegetables into their meals and snacks. I have learned the value of a plant-based diet by watching my father struggle through heart surgery and gallstone removal. Both of his problems were very serious, and his doctors have made him cut back on red meat and all dairy products. If these foods are so good for us, then why do doctors commonly ban them? Take preventative measures by improving your diet now.

Michelle McCready is a social sciences sophomore.

### Leaders of groups that want equality must act cautiously

Editor,

Mike Sullivan, much asserted president of the GLBU, wrote a response to my Oct. 26 analysis of his history in Mustang Daily ("Show of self-righteousness is bad representation of homosexuality"). His argument suggests that I committed the logical fallacy of Ad Hominem, appealing to personal considerations rather than logic or reason. For the sake of equality and completeness, let me commit another logical "fallacy": Tu quo que.

In a retaliatory letter to the editor on May

23, 2000, Sullivan attempts to defame Akik Thierry. He says, "Although Akik Thierry claims he doesn't believe in double standards, he's obviously a big supporter of ignorant stereotypes and baseless claims."

In a retaliatory letter to the editor on Nov. 2, 2000, Sullivan cruelly tries to defame Jesse York. He says, "Mr. York's superiority complex is most certainly entrenched in ignorance — he would have made Hitler proud."

In a retaliatory letter to the editor on Oct. 17, 2001, Sullivan viciously berates Matt Kokkonen. He says, "Matt Kokkonen made a clear showing of his anti-family, anti-humanity positions in his letter to the editor."

He further demonstrated his expertise on Oct. 29. Sullivan equates my diligence in research to something considerably more sinister. "I mean, stalking me is one thing, but I think there are certainly more creative ways of asking someone out on a date." His experience and talent with logical fallacy remain unapproachable.

His letter inspires me to reiterate my message. I meant no attack on homosexuality, as he suggests. In that sense, Ad Hominem need not apply. When the argument concerns personal considerations, it seems a Red Herring to shift the discussion elsewhere. Throughout his 40 letters, Sullivan has done nothing to prove an argument or make a point. Time and time again, he buried his opponents in logical fallacy and cried victory once they relented.

Rather than attack homosexuality, I intended to question the bond between Sullivan and the group he claims to represent. Throughout history, homosexuals have existed in countless forms. To associate personalities such as Richard the Lionhearted, John Maynard Keynes, Alexander the Great and Cesar Romero with Sullivan would be preposterous; to say otherwise would be as foolish as equating all of Germany to the grotesque machinations of Adolf Hitler.

Since society began, groups have been associated with their leadership. In this era, when homosexuals across the United States struggle for equality, their leaders must be cautious; harsh ridicule and perverse rhetorical caricature serve no function in furthering their

cause. It is far too easy for people to mistake the group for its loudest member.

A.J. Asplund is a mathematics senior majoring in philosophy.

### GLBU president goes too far in assumptions about others

Editor,

In response to "After two years still no one can refute these arguments" on Oct. 29, Mike Sullivan has gone too far by making some blatant assumption that A.J. Asplund is now interested in a date with him. A.J. only pointed out the obvious of his vigilant attack on people who do not hold the same views as he does. A.J. Asplund never said that things you were arguing about weren't valid; it was the way that you went about it, so therefore he did not commit the fallacy of Ad Hominem. A.J.'s letter was not devoid of substance as he did give references to the articles in which Sullivan was illogical, like with Yasmin Corless and Akik Thierry. Furthermore, he represented very well the fact that I simply wanted to point out the peculiarities behind the passing of AB 25. When he went so far as to implicate that A.J. should run for GLBU president, that was a bit too far. I wonder what his club thinks about his very own actions, and all in the name of GLBU? Hmm? What a way to get more people to come to his meetings, with insults and attacks! It's just like A.J. said, he truly does misrepresent the GLBU and needs to tone it down a key or two.

Bill McGurk is a chemistry junior not interested in dating Mike Sullivan nor in becoming the GLBU president.

### Sullivan's letters contain stereotypes, too

Editor,

In response to "Show of self-righteousness is bad representation of homosexuality," Oct. 26, I must say that I am ever so grateful to the author for writing that. I took a small tour of Mike Sullivan's Cal Poly Web site myself, and I was impressed and dismayed at the same time.

You are so right — he did bring up subjects

and stereotypes in retort to Yasmin's letter to the editor. All in all he stereotyped her, more than she did gays and lesbians. His response to Akik was equally flawed in comparing gays and lesbians — who do not for the most part have a queer stamp on their foreheads — with the Pacific Ocean, which no one would argue about as existing, and we call all go and see it if we wanted to.

As for Mike's Oct. 18 letter to the editor ("Law doesn't affect families"); I found his "bedroom" comment to be humorous, but the GOP platform has a lot more to do with than just opposing gay rights.

I did not like Bill McGurk's words at all because he equated gays and lesbians with the KKK and Osama bin Laden, but I did not think that Mike handled his retort well.

I love gays and lesbians, because I love people. I cannot separate nor divide the two. I wish them all the best, and I will continue to vote for their rights. But I despise blatant superficiality and self-righteousness. Thanks A.J. for the small history lesson of gay people from the past, as it was quite refreshing to read about them. I am glad to have read such a gay-friendly supportive reply in the paper to an overzealous stereotypical homosexual.

Jill McCluck is a chemistry junior.

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# Deep distrust of government remains among many Americans

By Darryl Fears  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — During a forum in Washington on war and peace, Damu Smith said the United States is wrong for bombing Afghanistan. He believes the Sept. 11 attacks on America were the result of misguided U.S. foreign policy. When he noted that Nelson Mandela was once considered a terrorist by a wrong-headed South African government, the audience of about 350 erupted in applause.

On the telephone from Los Angeles, Rudy Arcuna said a very similar thing. The people suffering in the U.S. bombardment, he said, "are not terrorists. I don't think the people suffering in Iraq are terrorists." If Martin Luther King Jr. were still around, Arcuna said, "he would ask questions" about how the United States could bomb those countries.

In the weeks after the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and Washington, American trust in government hit a historic high. A Washington Post poll in September found that 64 percent of Americans trusted the government to do the right thing "most of the time" or "just about all the time," the highest figure since the poll began in 1966. A Pew Research Center poll taken about the same time found that 90 percent of Americans supported President Bush's

decision to bomb Afghanistan. Support among blacks, while not as strong, registered at 70 percent.

But Smith, a community and environmental activist, and Arcuna, professor of Chicano studies at California State University at Northridge, represent minorities whose thoughts on government run contrary to popular opinion. They are attorneys, former police officers, authors and intellectuals who deplore the terrorist attacks that left about 5,000 people dead. They also have a deep distrust of government, rooted in a history of government harassment, profiling, police brutality and internment experienced by their communities.

"I'm not justifying what happened on Sept. 11," said the Rev. Grayland Hagler, pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church here. "But it's clear that when Bush said if you're not with us, you're with the terrorists — when he said he wanted the man (alleged terrorist sponsor Osama bin Laden) dead or alive, he was calling out the posse, and black people know the posse. They come by and get you in the middle of the night and kill you without due process."

Hagler and Smith recently sat on a panel of 12 black activists, lawyers, students, professors and law enforcement officials at a forum here called "A Black Community National Dialogue" at Howard University's

School of Law. Others at schools, think tanks and churches questioned U.S. domestic and foreign policy.

Stuart Kwoh, an activist for the Asian Pacific American Legal Center in Los Angeles, said he, like everyone else, wanted justice for the attacks.

"But we do have to live up to ideals as Americans," Kwoh said. He cited a Sierra College Research Institute poll that said a third of New Yorkers favored internment camps for Arabs. "Asian Americans have seen internment camps, the scapegoating of Koreans during the L.A. riots (in 1992) and the scapegoating of Chinese Americans during the Wen Ho Lee case.

"My agency doesn't engage in foreign-policy issues," Kwoh said. "But we can see the fear in our communities that people will take out their frustrations on people who look Middle Eastern."

But other minorities do engage in foreign-policy issues, particularly America's support of Israel. Several said the treatment of Palestinians in Israel reminds them of apartheid in South Africa and segregation in the United States.

"Growing up, I remember images of people in Israel with machine guns shooting at children who were throwing rocks at them," said Gabriel Gutierrez, director of the Center for the Study of the People of the

Americas at California State University at Northridge. "If that's not terrorism, I don't know what is."

The Rev. Osagyefo Uhuru Sekou, a black poet and author, said he could

remember when white mayors, police officers and residents terrorized black communities.

"As I recall, while growing up in Mississippi in the 1950s, there were no Arabs riding horses terrorizing black folks," Sekou said. "We have known terrorists in the community. I have been stopped on some dark roads in Mississippi, and just how that police officer who stopped me walked toward me the way he did was terrifying."

Sekou also mentioned COINTELPRO, the covert FBI Counterintelligence Program that set out to erase organizations described as radical in the 1960s. Everyone from King to the Black Panther Party were targets of the program's informants, illegal wiretaps and police raids.

Smith and Arcuna pointed out that

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover labeled King "the most dangerous man in America." Leaders of the NAACP and the National Urban League Inc. abandoned King after he called the United States "the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today" in April 1967, when the Vietnam War still enjoyed popular support.

The anti-terrorism legislation moving through Congress is another source of fear, said Gutierrez, noting that whites who have never been profiled or jailed on the scale of minorities don't understand its implications.

If that legislation passes, said Ronald Hampton, director of the National Black Police Association, he will feel less secure. Hampton said he worried not about Arab terrorists but about the Justice Department and police.

"They have a distraction now," Hampton said. "But the government will get back to us."

*"Growing up, I remember images of people in Israel with machine guns shooting at children who were throwing rocks at them. If that's not terrorism, I don't know what is."*

**Gabriel Gutierrez**  
director of the Center for the Study of the People at the Americas

## MEPHISTO

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As these two plays mark the commencement of the 20th anniversary season of the Actors' Gang, the Gang is seeing its vision and scope broaden and grow, while maintaining that vital energy that emerged 20 years ago among a group of ragtag UCLA theater students.

"For me there's more freedom to explore and discover than there is with film, because you're dealing with a daily budget anywhere from \$50,000 to \$250,000 a day, and you don't have time to play around. And you don't have time to fail. And you don't have time to experiment. And in the theater you have that luxury,

and to also discover things organically and to try things and fail," Robbins stated.

The current enthusiastic revitalized spirit exuded by Robbins and Bellamy can be traced back to the group's promising beginnings and the odyssey that surviving for 20 years has taken the group through. The Gang started many years ago as a tight-knit, crazy, fun group, but has since that early period gone through many changes, Ettinger said..

The changes for the ensemble have been both personal and professional, and included a recent period of disillusionment for many members.

"I've worked with Tim more professionally than anybody else," Bellamy said. "There was a while there where Tim wasn't really as

involved as he is right now. That was hard for me. (We) sort of lost the ordained rightful leader, and that haunted us for years. But it feels good now."

Robbins himself explained how he

*"I need to do it. I've been directing plays since I was 12 years old."*

**Tim Robbins**  
actor

was distressed by the condition of the theater both physically and administratively upon his return, and how a critical fundamental respect for acting was lacking. This has since been markedly remedied.

"He always had the leadership qualities," Ettinger said. "He's very charismatic."

It is that dynamic essence, which seems to have helped maintain the value of the Actors' Gang and Robbins' own career, as both have attained massive success in the last two decades. Robbins' ability to steer himself and his friends away from the creative traps that cause many less successful stars and theater companies to implode on themselves has proved itself with an imitable gusto.

"He's just not into acting like a movie star at all," Ettinger said. "All the reasons he is a star are the reasons he's good in the theater. It's funny to be out with him and the way people are with him. It's really foreign to us. He's a father now and that makes him

different. He's a man, he can be more nurturing."

That genuine devotion to life and the craft of acting seem to be the essential elements here, and the fact that the paths of the Actors' Gang and Robbins have converged once more with "Mephisto" typifies the openness and effort both the group and the man are driven to embrace.

"We've been able to put aside things that have made us comfortable in the past ... In a way, we have gone into a laboratory, working in a way that is very challenging and frightening," Robbins said. "Our commitment is sincere. I'm having a great time. I'm lucky to be directing a play."

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## Tim Robbins directs local L.A. group in 'Mephisto'

By Anthony Bromberg

DAILY BRUIN

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES — Tim Robbins is an acclaimed Hollywood actor and director who has helped create more than his share of memorable films over the last decade. The next step in his ever-expanding career is to direct a play at the local theater ensemble he helped found 20 years ago.

That may not be the logical step that most of Hollywood's stars would take, but for the University of California, Los Angeles, alum it is the obvious choice.

"I need to do it," Robbins said. "I've been directing plays since I was 12 years old."

His current project with the Actors' Gang, which he co-founded and for which he is now on the board of directors, is directing the play "Mephisto," a World War II-era play by Arianne Mnouchkine adapted from a Klaus Mann novel.

The story features a German actor who yields to the Nazis in order to save his career, and then has to justify to himself the morally reprehensible state he sees rampant in the world

around him.

"This play's about choices. And what responsibilities we have in the choices we make," said Ned Bellamy, an actor in "Mephisto," and longtime friend of Robbins, in a phone interview.

Robbins discovered the play while on a work trip in Paris. He read it and felt it was something that should be embraced. And since then, in light of recent developments in global politics, his selection has proved particularly relevant.

"I feel like Tim is somehow subconsciously connected to the pulse," Cynthia Ettinger, who has performed with the Actors' Gang on and off since 1983, said in a phone interview.

"It's not only a reminder, but there's a certain mirror to look at," Bellamy said.

The play runs concurrently with the Gang's other project, Anton Chekhov's "The Seagull," directed by Robbins' French mentor George Bigot. Both are being designed by Tony Award winner Richard Hoover and the Gang's resident costume designer Ann Closs Farley.

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sea diving was not her forte, Harvey took a day trip to the Monterey Bay aquarium and bought reference books and photographs for a little inspiration.

Despite the mural's positive influence for the hospital, the wall is only temporary and will be torn down in February, Harvey said.

"I am very upset that they are taking it down," said Sara Brem, a 20-year-old patient. "It makes it more cheery and happy in here."

Harvey painted the mural knowing that the wall was only temporary, but

she said it has already done much for her. The hospital's patient satisfaction committee asked her to paint a mural of a local mountain in a patient's room and a visitor asked her to paint a mural in his restaurant, she said.

"This was a great chance to get publicity," Harvey said. "It is a dream come true."

Art has always been a hobby for Harvey and now it can be a career. But as much as she enjoys it, Harvey said she would never quit nursing.

"I know that every day I am helping people to feel warm and comfortable and assist them until they are spent," she said. "I can never stop doing that."

## RUMSFELD

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Cross facilities mistakenly have been hit twice. Last week, bombs landed outside a home for the elderly near the western city of Herat and in a residential neighborhood northwest of Kabul.

The Pentagon has acknowledged the errant strikes, although sometimes only after several days have passed. Its attempts to publicize the goals behind the U.S. strikes have been limited to brief statements by Rumsfeld and other officials during briefings and interviews and, in Afghanistan, to leaflets dropped from planes and broadcasts that break into regular Afghan radio programs.

Afghanistan's fundamentalist Taliban leaders, meanwhile, repeatedly have described carnage they say is the result of U.S. bombing. Images of the dead have filled television screens, radio broadcasts and newspaper reports in Egypt, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and other Islamic countries where public support for the U.S.-led campaign against terrorism has been tenuous.

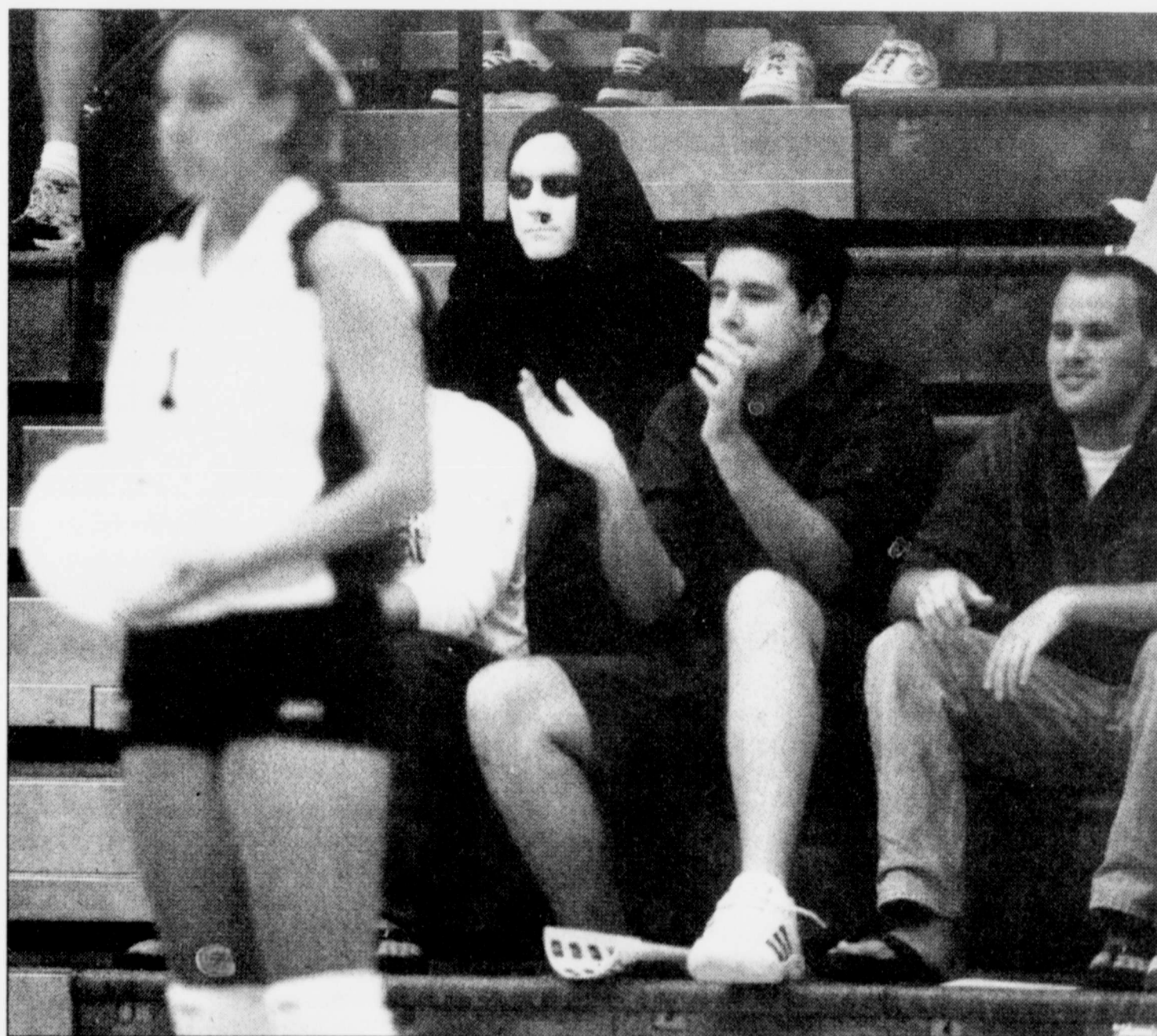
Indeed, Pakistan's president, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, who supports the U.S.-led attacks, warned last week against "excessive collateral damage" to civilians — a concern also expressed by several other world leaders, including those of China and Malaysia.

Rumsfeld was joined Monday by Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who reported that the airstrikes on Sunday had used about 65 carrier-based aircraft. Myers noted that the military targets were now considerably fewer in number and that the bombing was now focused on six areas, mostly in northern Afghanistan.

Earlier Monday, Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria Clarke told reporters that the bombing had moved north, toward Afghanistan's border with Tajikistan. Targets included the Taliban military's armor and troop concentrations, she said, noting that the United States was trying to zero in on the Taliban's complex system of cave hide-outs.

A Pentagon official who wished to remain anonymous said slow progress in the propaganda war is raising concern at the highest levels of government.

## They only come out at night



AARON LAMBERT/MUSTANG DAILY

Friday night's volleyball game brought out new fans and a new incentive for victory in Mott Gym. Naturally a Mustang fan, Death, biology senior Philip Yoshida, didn't leave disappointed — empty handed, maybe — but definitely not disappointed. Cal Poly came back after losing the first two games to win the last three and come away with the victory.

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